

# Reach for the Stars

## Audition Information

All interested dancers **MUST** audition.

No one may register before their group registration time below.

### Location

Artworks  
522 Patterson St.  
Lexington, KY

### Sunday, May 5

Ages: 14 - 18 (this age group may finish earlier)

Registration Time: 11:30 a.m.

Audition Time: 12–2 p.m.

Ages: 7 - 8

Registration Time: 1:30 p.m.

Audition Time: 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Ages: 9 - 10

Registration Time: 3 p.m.

Audition Time: 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Ages: 11 - 13

Registration Time: 5 p.m.

Audition Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Please note: there may be call backs for additional consideration for principal roles. Dates and times TBA.

**Pointe Audition:** Dancers who wish to audition to perform on pointe will need to perform a 1 minute solo and provide a CD or phone with downloaded music to connect to a sound system (no streaming).

**Participation Fee - payment is due at the audition.**

**All ages: \$75.00 (cash, check or credit card)**

**The fee covers the cost of the rehearsals and production. No refunds will be issued after a role has been accepted and costumes have been ordered.**

### Audition Dress Requirements

Females: Pink tights, Black leotard, ballet shoes

Males: Black tights, white T-shirt

Hair: Up

Lexington Parks and Recreation  
Artworks at Carver Center  
Attention: Ballet Under the Stars  
522 Patterson Street  
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# 2020 Ballet Under the Stars



## Pre-Show Auditions



**LEXINGTON**  
*Parks & Recreation*

**Ballet Under the Stars** will celebrate its 31st anniversary in 2020 and has become one of central Kentucky's most anticipated and beloved events of the summer. This year's preshow production will be **Princess Vignettes II** and will be held at Woodland Park, July 30 - August 2 (rain date August 3.)

The preshow is a wonderful chance for young dancers from all local dance schools to come together in Kentucky's premier outdoor ballet event. This is truly a community production and an excellent opportunity to showcase the young talent and quality dance instruction of central Kentucky.

#### **Audition Selection Process:**

The preshow director must be notified of any conflicts with the audition prior to the audition date so other arrangements can be made if possible.

All interested male and female **ballet** students between the ages of 7 and 18 who have had at least three (3) years of **ballet** classes are **required** to audition to participate. The audition consists of across the floor ballet technique and a short ballet combo. Students will be separated into three levels based on age.

We can accommodate a limited number of dancers for this production and cuts will be made in the audition process if we exceed the maximum number of dancers. This is a competitive process; not all children are guaranteed a role.

**Please note:** This is a ballet production - a "general" combination dance class is not adequate preparation for the terminology or experience required for this audition process and/or performance. In addition to the individual dancer's performance during the audition, the following factors will be considered in the selection process:

- Previous participation does not guarantee acceptance, regardless of previous roles or the number of years in Ballet Under the Stars.
- Maximum number per age group. Dancers will be ranked in their age category and cuts may be made within that category.
- Studio representation: One of our primary goals with this program is the inclusion of as many local dance programs as possible. If we exceed the total number of students we can accommodate AND have a dominant number of students from one or more studios, we will rank and limit the dancers by studio to insure there is equitable studio representation.
- Absences: We try to work around reasonable requests such as vacations and educational opportunities, but dancers need not apply if missing more than a week's worth of rehearsals is anticipated. No absences will be permitted July 22 - August 5 (see attendance policy.)
- Dancers not dressed in proper attire will not be allowed to audition.

#### **Preshow Rehearsals**

Each rehearsal will consist of a warm-up class with show choreography and production notes. Exact rehearsal times will be determined by casting. Depending on the dancer's role, he or she will be required to attend rehearsals approximately once or twice per week for 1-2 hours.

After casting is announced, a detailed rehearsal schedule for each week will be sent out. After rehearsals begin and the show starts to take shape, additional rehearsals may be added for certain numbers.

Depending on the number the dancer is assigned rehearsals will be held each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from approximately 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Artworks the weeks of June 15-18, June 22-25, June 29 - July 2, July 6-9, July 13-16. The week of July 20-23 rehearsals will move to the Tates Creek Recreation Center at 1400 Gainesway Drive.

#### **Attendance Policy**

**Mandatory 1 hour rehearsals will begin the week of July 20-23.** In-park rehearsals at Woodland, July 27-28, with a full dress rehearsal on July 29. The program is in full production from this point on and participation from all cast members **is required**. **Dancers must commit to all four performance nights July 30 - August 2 and the rain date if needed on August 3.** No exceptions.

In addition, there is a limit to the number of rehearsal absences allowed. Vacations or conflicts that interfere with rehearsals must be made known at the time of audition. **Please note: Rehearsal absences will be considered when casting and may have an impact on the role your child gets if they are cast in the production.**

#### **Costumes**

Depending on your child's role, you may be responsible for putting together some pieces of your child's costume. Dancers will receive a packet with their casting information and instructions for what is required for the costume.

#### **Ballet Under the Stars Preshow Director**

Mindy Stone

#### **Ballet Under the Stars Choreographers**

Traci Stone and Abigail Hicks

For more information please contact:  
Mindy Stone, Preshow Director  
Lexington Parks & Recreation  
859-288-2935 or [mindys@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:mindys@lexingtonky.gov)

## **2020 Ballet Preshow Application (please print)**

Child's Name

Age

Date of Birth

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Daytime Phone

Evening Phone

Parent's Email Address

Primary Dance School (desired listing in program)

Number of Years Ballet Training

Have you danced with the preshow before?

If yes, what role(s) have you had?

Parent/Guardian Name (print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**In the space provided below, please list any dates that may be a conflict for you during the rehearsals to be held June 15 - July 16; dancers must be present July 20 - August 3.**

Please complete application, detach and bring to the audition.